

# Additional information available on request

In compliance with the requirements of the Standing Directions of the Minister for Finance, details of the items listed below have been retained and are available to the relevant Ministers, Members of Parliament and the public on request (subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*).

To ensure the department is meeting its accountability and compliance requirements, some of this additional information has been included in the Annual Report where relevant.

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The information is available on request from the DELWP Customer Contact Centre on 136 186, via email [customer.service@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:customer.service@delwp.vic.gov.au) or on the internet at [www.delwp.vic.gov.au](http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au).

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Declarations of pecuniary interests have been duly completed by all relevant officers.

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No shares are held by a senior officer as nominee or held beneficially in a statutory authority or subsidiary.

## c) Details of publications produced by the department about the activities of the department and where they can be obtained

| Publication  | Date produced | Availability  |
|--|---------------|---|
| Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning Annual Report 2020-21  | October 2021  | Available online ( <a href="http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au/our-department/annual-report">www.delwp.vic.gov.au/our-department/annual-report</a> and <a href="http://www.data.vic.gov.au">www.data.vic.gov.au</a> ) or from our Customer Contact Centre on 136 186 |
| Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning Corporate Plan 2021-25 | August 2021   | Available online ( <a href="http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au/corporate-plan">www.delwp.vic.gov.au/corporate-plan</a> ) or from our Customer Contact Centre on 136 186  |

## d) Details of changes in prices, fees, charges, rates and levies charged by the department for its services, including services that are administered

Details of fees and charges are available on the department's website at [www.delwp.vic.gov.au](http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au).

## e) Details of any major external reviews carried out in respect of the operation of the department

| Major external reviews                            | Conducted by  | Purpose  | Released         |
|---|---|--|------------------|
| Rehabilitating Mines                              | Auditor-General   | This audit assessed if the state is effectively managing its exposure to liabilities from the rehabilitation of mines on private and public land.      | 5 August 2020    |
| Reducing Bushfire Risks                           | Auditor-General   | This audit examined if responsible agencies are effectively working together to reduce Victoria's bushfire risk.                                       | 14 October 2020  |
| Accessing Emergency Funding to Meet Urgent Claims | Auditor-General   | This assurance review assessed if government departments met their legislative obligations when accessing emergency funding.                           | 24 November 2020 |
| COVID-19 Hotel Quarantine Inquiry                 | Board of Inquiry into the COVID-19 Hotel Quarantine Program | An examination, findings and recommendations in respect of the decisions and actions taken in establishing and operating the Hotel Quarantine Program. | 21 December 2021 |

| Major external reviews  | Conducted by   | Purpose  | Released        |
|---|--|--|-----------------|
| Assurance of DELWP breaches of planned burn control lines 2018-19         | Inspector-General for Emergency Management (IGEM)                        | IGEM's report on observations, progress updates and implementation monitoring of burns that breached control lines for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.             | 18 January 2021 |
| Inquiry into the Victorian Government's Response to the COVID-19 pandemic | Parliament of Victoria<br>Public Accounts and Estimates Committee (PAEC) | PAEC's review and report to the Parliament on the responses taken by the Victorian Government, including as part of the National Cabinet, to manage the COVID-19 pandemic. | 2 February 2021 |
| Assurance of DELWP breaches of planned burn control lines - 2019-20       | Inspector-General for Emergency Management (IGEM)                        | IGEM's report on observations, progress updates and implementation monitoring of burns that breached control lines for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.             | 8 February 2021 |
| Measuring and Reporting on Service Delivery                               | Auditor-General  | This audit assessed if the way Victorian government departments measure and report on their service delivery support accountability and good decision-making.              | 26 May 2021     |
| Responses to Performance Audit Recommendations: Annual Status Update      | Auditor-General  | This assurance review assessed whether public sector agencies implement the Auditor-General's performance audit recommendations and respond to them in a timely way.       | 23 June 2021    |
| Delivering the Solar Homes Program  | Auditor-General  | This audit assessed if the Solar Homes Program is enabling Victorian households to control their power bills and reduce carbon emissions.                                  | 24 June 2021    |

**f) Details of any major research and development activities undertaken by the department that are not otherwise covered either in the report of operations or in a document which contains the financial statement and report of operations**

| Major research and development   | Conducted by           | Purpose   |
|--|------------------------|---|
| Bushfire Biodiversity Relief and Early Recovery Theme 1 Immediate Reconnaissance | Arthur Rylah Institute | To inform the prioritisation of management actions to prevent significant species decline or extinctions and maximise recovery opportunities for threatened species and ecological systems. |
| Forest Protection Surveys 2020-21  | Arthur Rylah Institute | To design and undertake pre-harvest surveys for flora and selected fauna species to inform forest management.   |
| Greater Glider planned burn monitoring   | Arthur Rylah Institute | To understand the impacts of planned burning on Greater Gliders in the Port Phillip region.   |

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| Kangaroo Population Survey 2020   | Arthur Rylah Institute | To conduct an analysis of the Victorian grey kangaroo and red kangaroo populations to inform the Kangaroo Harvest Management Plan.   |
| Linking Strategic and Operational Bushfire Management Planning PPD17  | Arthur Rylah Institute | To link strategic bushfire management planning to operational bushfire management planning, resulting in the creation of a joint fuel management plan.   |
| Mapping native vegetation extent and habitat condition across Victoria  | Arthur Rylah Institute | To create spatial data on the extent and condition of habitat to inform the management of Victoria's native vegetation.  |
| Maximising resilience: Alpine Bog Skink and Large Brown Tree Frog   | Arthur Rylah Institute | To investigate gene mixing as a tool to conserve the Alpine Bog Skink and Large Brown Tree Frog.   |
| Melbourne Strategic Assessment 2020-21  | Arthur Rylah Institute | To provide data and expertise to support land management decisions and tracking of conservation outcomes under the Melbourne Strategic Assessment program.   |
| Nature Led Community Recovery   | Arthur Rylah Institute | To support post-fire community and biodiversity recovery through community engagement activities and evaluate the effectiveness of this approach.  |
| Regional Forest Agreements: Landscape Scale Surveys   | Arthur Rylah Institute | To conduct landscape scale surveys to collect new field data to improve understanding of the distribution of high priority, forest-dependent threatened species.                                       |
| Revising DELWPs Ecological Vegetation Class (EVC) dataset (EVC Refresh)   | Arthur Rylah Institute | To revise the EVC typology, produce a new EVC map layer and updated EVC descriptions.  |
| Riparian Intervention Monitoring Program  | Arthur Rylah Institute | To understand the outcomes of management intervention in riparian areas.   |
| Safe Havens - Wilsons Promontory and French Island National Parks (funded under the Bushfire Biodiversity Response Relief and Early Recovery program) | Arthur Rylah Institute | To conduct feasibility assessments at Wilsons Promontory and French Island National Parks as possible areas that could have long-term viability as 'island arks'.                                      |
| Southern Purple-spotted Gudgeon detection, Kerang - Stage 1   | Arthur Rylah Institute | To undertake both a physical and an environmental DNA survey for Southern purple-spotted Gudgeon in lakes around Kerang, including analysis of population genetics.                                    |
| Strategic Management Prospects modelling and expert elicitation   | Arthur Rylah Institute | To produce spatial models and provide Victoria with a long term, strategic approach to identifying cost-effective management actions that deliver an improved outlook for as many species as possible. |

| Major research and development   | Conducted by   | Purpose   |
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| Transition of fire planning to BAU: Fire Analysis Module for Ecological values (FAME) enhancements.          | Arthur Rylah Institute   | To transition fire ecology management planning to business as usual activity using the FAME structured decision tool. This tool allows users to evaluate the impact of different fire management strategies on ecological objectives, and automates documentation of (i) data inputs, (ii) key decision points undertaken as part of the analyses and (iii) standard outputs. |
| Victorian Environmental Flows Monitoring and Assessment Program (VEFMAP)                                     | Arthur Rylah Institute   | To assess ecological outcomes from the delivery of environmental water.   |
| Wetland Intervention Monitoring Program 2020-21  | Arthur Rylah Institute   | To understand the responses of wetland ecosystems to management activities.   |
| Wetland Monitoring and Assessment Program for environmental water (WetMAP)                                   | Arthur Rylah Institute   | To assess wetland responses to delivery of environmental water.   |
| A history of LGBTIQ+ Victoria  | Australian Queer Archives  | To identify places and objects significant to Victoria's LGBTIQ+ community, provide Victorians and the Australian LGBTIQ+ community with a sense of its history and heritage and to recognise LGBTIQ+ heritage through heritage protection and other mechanisms including commemorative plaques, history walks and publications.  |
| Making a difference - conceptual framework to show benefits of compliance                                    | Coffey   | To understand the benefits of forest compliance activities and develop metrics for environmental and social 'uplift' resulting from compliance actions.   |
| Cropland fire behaviour  | CSIRO  | To understand cropland fire behaviour through experimental burns to develop a baseline for measuring fire spread on cropland.   |
| Victorian Water and Climate Initiative   | DELWP, Bureau of Meteorology, CSIRO, the University of Melbourne and Monash University | To assess changes in climate and the water cycle over time, including understanding the impacts of climate change on water resources.   |
| Update to the 2008 Wood and Water Study  | Hydrology and Risk Consulting (HARC)   | To review knowledge and modelling about water yield in relation to disturbance events.  |
| Population viability analysis with STEPs and metapopulation capacity for evaluation of future forest science | University of Melbourne  | To develop spatially and temporally explicit population viability models (STEPs) for seven 'focus' forest-dependent fauna taxa, as well as a series of metapopulation analyses for a larger number of priority species.   |

| Major research and development             | Conducted by              | Purpose  |
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| The human dimension of environmental crime | University of New England | To understand community perception of environmental compliance in the areas of native wildlife, trafficking of exotic species, licensing of the sale of native flora and fauna, rubbish dumping, recreational values and fire prevention on public land, as well as unauthorised occupation of crown land and adherence to license, permit and lease conditions. |

### g) Details of overseas visits undertaken including a summary of the objectives and outcomes of each visit

There were no overseas visits undertaken by departmental staff in 2020-21.

### h) Details of major promotional, public relations and marketing activities undertaken by the department to develop community awareness of the services provided by the department

| Activity                                     | Description  | Cost      |
|--|--|-----------|
| Landcare awareness and promotion             | The <i>Victorian Landcare and Catchment Management</i> magazine (Victorian Landcare magazine) is published three times a year by DELWP (2020-21 - issues 79, 80 and 81), and is an important statewide communication vehicle for Landcare and environmental volunteer groups/networks. The Victorian Landcare magazine includes stories that illustrate best practice, learning and innovation, and help raise awareness about Landcare and natural resource management issues. Content is contributed primarily by Landcare and environmental volunteer group/network members. However, contributed stories are also received from Landcare staff, researchers, and government and agency staff. Each issue of the magazine has a theme, e.g., issue 81 (Winter 2021) was a feature on invasive plants and animals. | \$103,007 |
| Promoting Victoria's Climate Change Strategy | This activity promoted the Victorian Government's Climate Change Strategy and highlighted actions Victorians could undertake to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. Objectives included raising awareness about the government's actions and investment in climate change, and educating councils, industry and businesses about actions to support Victoria in reaching its target of net zero emissions by 2050.  | \$281,345 |

**i) Details of assessment and measures undertaken to improve the occupational health and safety of employees, not otherwise detailed in the report of operations**

Details of initiatives undertaken to improve the health, safety and wellbeing of employees are included in the DELWP 2020-21 Annual Report – Report of Operations, under the **Our People** section, which is available at [www.delwp.vic.gov.au](http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au).

**j) General statement on industrial relations within the department and details of time lost through industrial accidents and disputes, which are not otherwise detailed in the report of operations**

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**k) List of major committees sponsored by the department, the purpose of each committee and the extent to which the purposes have been achieved**

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